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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, May 4, 1970, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Pro Tem James B. Whittington presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, and John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Mayor John M. Belk.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Joe D. Withrow.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, April 27, 1970, were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON CHARLOTTE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Mayor Pro Tem Whittington advised today, as advertised, there will be a public hearing on the emergency ambulance service and Council feels they should give everyone in the city who wishes to speak for or against our present service to be heard and Council would take this information and make a decision on what should be done in the very near future, certainly before budget time.

Mr. Allen Bailey, representing the Charlotte Ambulance Service, stated it would be a better procedure to hear those in opposition to the present ambulance service and then he will attempt to answer questions today if possible, and if not, defer an answer until he could submit them in writing to the Council.

Councilman Whittington stated Council would like to hear from the people who are in favor of the City operating an ambulance service.

Mr. Edgar Price, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber made a report in August of 1969 which recommended to the Council that ambulance service in Charlotte be removed from the private sector and placed in the public sector.

He stated their report was conceptual in nature and some misunderstandings have occurred since the time of the report; that he did not want this to happen and neither did the Committee. That he personally delivered a copy to Mr. Brandes, operator of Charlotte Ambulance Service, before it was released to the public and discussed it with him and had reason to believe Mr. Brandes understood it thoroughly.

Mr. Price stated in the preface of their report, on the first page, right after the Appendix, it states Mr. Roddey Brandes, owner and operator of the Ambulance Service has willingly and openly provided us with all of the information which they have been asked to supply and has been most cooperative during the period of the report. That he points this out simply to show that Mr. Brandes has cooperated with this Committee to the fullest.

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He stated on Page 4, under the heading of Private Contract Service, in the section where the report is examining the various methods whereby a municipality can achieve ambulance service, it states the present ambulance service has filled a vital need in this period of time and until this day operates at perhaps its highest possible efficiency through a thoroughly knowledgeable operator; that again, this is referring to Mr. Roddey Brandes.

Mr. Price stated on Page 16 of the report, the last paragraph states the Committee does not intend to raise questions as to Mr. Brandes' ability to run his ambulance service; he is an avid student of his business, a leader within his profession and has devoted much time in an effort to improve his service and to find a reasonable method by which such a service can collect its bills.

He stated their report said that the concept was wrong; they believe that the City of Charlotte is now of such size that it must go into municipally operated ambulance service; they believe it should not only go into municipal service, but more specifically, that the Charlotte Fire Department assume the administration of this service.

Mr. Price stated there are three primary reasons for this: (1) the dispersion of the service; they feel it is absolutely essential, not only today, but certainly in the future, as the city grows that sub-stations, or satellite stations, be established throughout the city to provide faster service to the citizens who will be on the perimeter of the city. He stated they do not believe at this time that a central location is feasible for emergency ambulance service, no more so than they believe the same central location would be feasible for the Fire Department service; (2) the absence of a monetary consideration; he stated this simply means they do not feel that bill collecting, and the attending problem thereto, have any place in what they feel should be a municipal service. When a citizen has to count on an emergency service such as this, that he not be concerned, nor the operator be concerned, with having to worry about bill collecting and they have found this is a serious problem with private services and they commiserate with them but there is nothing you can do about it.

Mr. Price stated the final reason, (3) the existing facilities within the Fire Department, one of the strongest reasons they felt perhaps it should go into the Fire Department - we have existing training facilities for our firemen; we have extensive maintenance operations already existing in the Fire Department; there is a rank structure and a discipline within the Fire Department which they feel will be most beneficial in such a service; also, rescue capabilities are in this department.

He stated, in essence, this is the substance of the report made by the Chamber of Commerce; they were asked to make their report, based on what they felt was best for the City of Charlotte and for the County; they decided it should be moved into the Fire Department.

Councilman Thrower asked if it was true when Mr. Price first looked into this, he reported that there was no need for further study? Mr. Price replied the Chamber first started this report back in late 1968 and found it could not be covered in two months and went back and asked for more time to make a report.

Councilman Tuttle stated in the Charlotte News on April 1, 1970, there is an article about the Gaston Rural Police taking over the County's Emergency Ambulance Service in Gaston County; it was a rather lengthy article but they reported the fact that the County was studying the possibility of hiring a private collection agency and if that did not work, they will begin garnisheeing wages. He stated what they are talking about is that they have only been able to collect about half of the charges.

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Councilman Tuttle asked if this is a trend, would we have to garnishee wages here in Charlotte, or would we charge this deficit to the taxpayers?

Mr. Price replied this was not the subject of the Chamber's Report; that they were looking into the concept of the service, not whether they should garnishee wages. Councilman Tuttle stated still it is a subject which must be considered by this Council.

Councilman Thrower stated he feels these are unreasonable questions as we are not talking about costs today other than the fact that when the City Manager made his recommendation to Council, he dug into cost rather heavily. That we are talking about protection of human lives; this is all - this is what government is all about.

Councilman Tuttle stated he did not feel we can discuss this ambulance service without thinking about the cost when we know from experience of other cities that the city cannot collect these fees. Mr. Price replied Councilman Tuttle is talking about experience of other cities and this statement is true, you can never collect it all but as Councilman Thrower mentioned that which you cannot collect, you simply must have as a public service; it is not a business - it is something for the people, it should be tax-supported, and it has to be available for everybody. Mr. Price stated collections are necessary to keep the service from being abused and is one of the few public services you would ever have where you would charge a fee.

Mr. Price stated the Chamber's report has never suggested this to be a money-making proposition. Councilman Tuttle stated Gaston County, which is small compared to the service in the City of Charlotte, through April had a deficit of \$22,600.00 - four months. That our total cost now for ambulance service is roughly \$10,000.00 per year.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Price if he felt that regardless of what the tab is, the City should pick it up? Mr. Price replied he does not believe regardless of the cost the City should pick it up, but he does believe the cost will not be so much; that in checking with the Jacksonville, Florida ambulance service, it amounted to about fifty cents per person per year to go to municipal service and from that standpoint, he would say the cost is not too much.

Mr. Price said the Chamber made only a surface investigation regarding costs to see what they were talking about because they could not come to the Chamber and say they had to take on a four million ^{dollar} service operation; that their estimates are in the area of \$350,000.

Councilman Short asked if Mr. Price feels a municipal ambulance service, no matter how it is set up, will tend to be looked upon by the citizens as a tax provided service, and they are entitled to demand it anytime they, alone, subjectively so decide? Mr. Price replied yes. Councilman Short asked if he felt they would call an ambulance just as they would call a fire truck? Mr. Price replied yes, if there was a need. Councilman Short stated but in the case of a fire, it is an objective situation - there is the fire - but in the case of the ambulance, it is a subjective situation, we do not know whether they need it or not. Mr. Price replied he feels they should be able to call and find out.

Councilman Alexander stated Council is going to have to decide whether the community can afford this type service where all citizens can benefit.

Councilman Thrower stated we cut people's grass and send them a bill and we should be able to do the same regarding the ambulance.

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Mr. Gary Biggers stated he sent a copy of a letter to the Charlotte Observer, the Charlotte News, WBT and WBTW on February 3, 1970 with copies to Roddey Brandes, John Thrower, Milton Short, John Belk, Jerry Tuttle, Joe Withrow, Jim Whittington, Fred Alexander, Sandy Jordan and Mike Allen. He stated he received an acknowledgement from Mr. Short and Mr. Belk.

He read the following letter to Council:

"Since the City is studying a possible change in the ambulance service I thought the following information may be pertinent:

'My father is in critical condition in Presbyterian Hospital and I am convinced, after talking with his doctor, that the Charlotte Ambulance Service is, at least in part, responsible for the seriousness of his condition.

On the afternoon of January 31, my father suffered a heart attack at his home in the country club area. The doctor and ambulance service were immediately called but there was a considerable delay before the ambulance arrived. Even after the delay in arriving, the ambulance attendant diagnosed the illness as heat exhaustion despite the fact that my Mother said she thought it was a heart attack and despite the fact that the temperature outside was probably in the 50s.

The doctor was highly disturbed that the attendant, who was not qualified, made any diagnosis at all. The same attendant wanted my Father, who was in a semi-conscious to unconscious state, to walk to another room to board the stretcher. This attendant then stood by as his assistant carried my Father to the stretcher alone. The problems continued - the same attendant refused to give my Father oxygen on the way to the hospital and told his assistant not to turn on the red light or the siren.

When they finally arrived at the hospital, the doctor had been waiting for some time and was impatient with the attendant for the long delay. He diagnosed the problem as acute coronary thrombosis and then had to work feverishly for the next three hours to keep my Father alive.'

My motivation in writing this is not in that anything can be done for my Father, but perhaps the City Council can take the proper action in changing the ambulance service so that others may avoid the suffering that my Father had to go through."

Mr. Biggers stated he received a prompt reply from Mr. Brandes, who denied, rationalized and excused every point of his letter, with one notable exception and quoted the following from Mr. Brandes' letter:

"Your father was carried, as you stated, to the stretcher after a suggestion by one of the attendants, that your father attempt to walk to the stretcher. This was highly out of order and corrective action has been taken in this respect."

Mr. Biggers stated he did not know what action was taken regarding this. He stated he felt fire protection in Charlotte is scattered throughout the city and it is a pretty bad indication if the City Council and the people in the City of Charlotte put more value on their property and the protection of it by the Fire Department than they do on human lives - especially in heart cases, where the timing element is as critical as it is in getting to a fire.

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Councilman Tuttle stated he studied Mr. Biggers' letter and Mr. Brandes' reply and would like to know since the attendant in the case had received all the training available, why Mr. Biggers is inclined to believe if this man worked for the City or if he wore a fireman's uniform, or a policeman's uniform, it would make him anymore qualified to say he thought he had a heat stroke. Mr. Biggers replied he did not think a diagnosis should have been made period; that it was up to the doctor and he felt everyone should be considered to be in as serious a condition as it is conceivable they could be in and receive this kind of care.

Mr. Biggers stated the element of time is the critical point especially in heart cases. Recently he read an article about a city nearby in the mountains which had an extensive heart care unit in their ambulances and that a tremendous number of people picked up by ambulance are heart cases. He stated near his Father's home in the Country Club Area there is a fire station within about two minutes, whereas it would not be possible for an ambulance to get there in less than 15 minutes from where the ambulance service is located.

Councilman Tuttle stated his point is whether we would have a better service if it were operated by the city as compared to private enterprise and does not believe where there are two properly trained men, whether one worked for the city and one worked for private enterprise, it would have anything to do with it at all.

Mr. Biggers stated all he can say regarding this is that you very rarely hear complaints about the way fire protection is administered in Charlotte; it seems very professional; that he does not know anything about the pay scale but he would assume that the firemen are paid more than ambulance attendants and therefore could give more professional-type treatment.

Mr. Dick Thornton, representing the Heart Association of Mecklenburg County, stated he has recently come to Charlotte and has the position of Executive Director; he is aware of the study performed by the Chamber's Sub-Committee and is here today to speak on behalf of certain doctors who are affiliated with the Heart Association as volunteers and participated with this Sub-Committee in their studies.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Thornton to give Council the names of the doctors who participated in this study and Mr. Thornton replied Dr. Robert Payne, Dr. McCall and Dr. George Irons.

Mr. Thornton stated it is his impression these doctors feel this study has credence especially in the area of the so-called "response time factor"; there is considerable concern on the part of physicians associated with the Heart Association regarding the time involved in reaching the victim as it is of paramount importance, it is felt that a system, whether it be public or private, for assuring the people is worthy of the Board's consideration.

Mr. Allen Bailey, representing The Charlotte Ambulance Service, stated he would like to have Mr. Earl Cocke, Jr., Executive Vice President of the National Ambulance Association of America, speak to Council today with regard to the ambulance service hearing.

He stated Mr. Cocke is a man knowledgeable in the field, qualified in many areas, has an AB Degree from the University of Georgia, a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, has served as Assistant to the President of Delta Air Lines, Vice President of Peruvian Air Lines, at present is a business consultant in governmental and legislative affairs in Washington, D. C., has served as National Commander of the American Legion, has served on the National Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, and

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is a man knowledgeable as his background indicates the value of his service in many areas. That Mr. Bailey has asked him to come and give Council the benefit of his knowledge not only of Charlotte Ambulance Service in Charlotte but to compare it with that of the national average.

Mr. Cocke stated even in biblical times a prophet did not have much honor at home; that he would like to talk about Roddey Brandes as an individual he has not known too long but has known long enough to recognize his accomplishments and his activities throughout this nation.

He stated Mr. Brandes started his business in Charlotte in July of 1960 and by 1962 he had been recognized in the first contact with the U. S. Department of HEW to understand where all of the problems in the ambulance service at Charlotte added up; this has become more of a type of model as well as the type of private ambulance service that is so needed. HEW has been back to Charlotte no less than seven times since their original visit to evaluate this service which is definitely a model.

Mr. Cocke stated on the basis of recognition it should be pointed out that he has been an advisor to the President's Committee on Traffic Safety; the only representative from the South and the only ambulance operator from the nation; his tenure there has brought him into a number of studies, all of which he will present to Council for the record.

He stated by April of 1963 he was appointed on the Advisory Committee to study at the Institute of Government and the School of Medicine of North Carolina that brought forth in an original publication, the organization of an ambulance service in the public interest. The document has been hailed and has been utilized for many years since as the type of operation necessary.

Mr. Cocke stated he has been an advisor to the Department of Transportation as well as an advisor to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and has many times been singled out as the only ambulance operator in the nation on the numerous boards on which he has participated. He stated his record in the area of safety and his record in the area of working with the various departments has been outstanding. In one publication, the American College of Surgeons, he is greatly thanked for the operation and particularly commenting on his vehicles wherein it says "...in my opinion a good ambulance vehicle, perhaps the best one I have ever seen, its value is not in saving money, but in saving lives". This is a quote from Dr. Roswell Brown who is connected with the American College of Surgeons.

He stated Charlotte was the source of a very fine article in the leading medical journal, Modern Hospital, in December 1966. That certainly Roddey Brandes has been called upon for his advice in a number of cities in the United States - Washington, D. C., the metropolitan Government of Nashville, Tennessee, Tampa, Florida, Fort Worth, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, the states of Connecticut, Alabama, New Jersey, Tennessee, not to mention some 90 small cities throughout the country that at one time or another he has had communication with in trying to help them in their problems.

He stated Mr. Brandes has served as a consultant in the American Medical Association where he has certainly been a principal speaker in a number of their programs, national conferences on community and emergency health services in San Francisco. He has been involved in the guide for operating ambulance fleets; this was done by the National Safety Council. He stated Mr. Brandes has had a very rounded operation as Charlotte has been a test city for a long time and has been very much a test system in the private enterprise system operations that we have.

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That the Department of Transportation, as well as the Department of HEW, has relied upon many figures from Charlotte as an example to utilize for other purposes; Mr. Brandes has certainly had a very strong leadership in the newly established registry for emergency medical technicians under the auspices of the American Medical Association and, again here, he has been the only private operator so recognized for this type of identification.

Mr. Cocke stated Mr. Brandes has edited and re-written a number of books, five on emergency medical transportation structure which have served as a type of appointment at one time or another with the National Academy of Science for the purpose of creating standards for the ambulance industry on a national basis. He has appeared many times at his own expense; on three different occasions he has testified before Congressional Committees of the Congress and certainly has offered Charlotte the type of identification that has been created by this appearance. He is a Charter Member of the Ambulance Association of America, a Director since its concept, as well as having served two years as the President of this organization.

Mr. Cocke stated he is Vice President of the American Ambulance Association of America at the present time and would like to illustrate the types of books which have always had his contributions in them. He particularly called attention to one because it has brought so much to the new design criteria of the future and there is also a series of publications which have just come out in the last two weeks that are worth commenting on because, again, he was very much a part of the architectural structure of the concept and recommendations which are the basic program for emergency medical technicians in ambulances.

He presented a newspaper clipping from the Charlotte Observer, dated the 11th of March, 1967, which states "Ambulance Equipment Best in the U. S.", quoting Dr. Robert H. Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy came to Charlotte as an expert for medical emergency care for the American College of Surgeons and made this statement about the utilization and equipment when he was in Charlotte.

Mr. Cocke stated in their day-to-day operation they have the obligations and responsibilities always of developing, as much as possible, the impact of increasing training and to develop the type of system and equipment that would be so necessary and so prepared for the occasion. That certainly there is a response time, the communication structure, as well as the opportunity to be of service to others has been a real guide line and guide approach so necessary to this operation; tremendous progress has been made in the last 18 to 20 months in terms of producing a new type of criteria that would be utilized for the ambulance company.

He stated he feels Charlotte has been most fortunate for the type service they have had; that Mr. Brandes has been a tremendous operator, he has given freely of his time and operation for many others. That he considers the service here and the response that has been so discussed is something of tremendous value to the whole nation as they are very much interested in the outcome of this particular hearing because it is so vital to so many cities that have utilized, for a long time, Charlotte as its model and as its principal objective.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Cocke if the American Ambulance Association of America was an association for private operators or for public as well as private? Mr. Cocke replied it is an organization which covers about 70 million in the United States; it is a private commercial operators trade association; it is for the upbuilding and the development of the ambulance industry.

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Mr. Cocke stated they have had a number of members join in several different categories of membership; they have a long mailing list; they publish a number of items which are utilized by not only public but private, volunteer, national, international, etc. They are a clearing-house for a tremendous amount of volume literature in this field.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Cocke if he was familiar with the equipment being operated in Charlotte? Mr. Cocke replied yes, he has been to Charlotte on frequent occasions and each time he has noticed a constant improvement in Mr. Brandes' fleet and his constant change. He stated the ambulance is changing - its size, its shape, its color, its design - all are being very much worked on every time that a new structure comes forth.

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Councilman Thrower asked if he would say that Ambulances ~~XXXXXX~~ are in good shape? Mr. Cocke replied he cannot identify these by number.

Councilman Thrower asked if he was aware in the City Code all ambulances are required to have power brakes; that none of the ambulances in Charlotte have them and one ambulance last night would not run because it did not have the proper brakes on it. The brakes could not be pumped up to use and we are considering putting this elaborate equipment out on the road to run emergency 10-33 traffic. Mr. Cocke replied he takes the position that this is as good equipment as is available in terms of the price range around; he does not see where Mr. Brandes has failed to fulfill any mission last night as he has a fleet big enough to respond.

Councilman Thrower stated he is talking about two particular kinds of service; one is emergency and one is non-emergency. He asked if he felt Mr. Brandes' vehicles qualified for both emergency and non-emergency and Mr. Cocke replied yes, the average in the United States is about 20% emergency conditions and about 80% under non-emergency conditions.

Councilman Thrower stated he would like to suggest that Mr. Cocke go look at those three vehicles, from a mechanical standpoint, and come back to Council and tell them, in his honest opinion, these pieces of equipment are safe to ride in. Mr. Cocke replied he is not a mechanic and would be quick to state this but he is sure the normal automobile inspection procedures of any state or municipality can obviously withhold and handle problems in the line he is referring to.

Councilman Thrower asked who makes the decision as to whether a person rides in an ambulance or not and Mr. Cocke replied it is generally the innocent bystander who makes that decision. Councilman Thrower asked about the dispatcher and Mr. Cocke stated the dispatcher is going to respond; by the time you call the dispatcher, he is going to respond.

Councilman Thrower asked if he was aware on two different occasions the City of Charlotte had to send policemen over there to wake them up and Mr. Cocke replied he was not aware of this fact and did not believe it could happen. Councilman Thrower stated he has proof of this fact.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked Mr. Cocke why the medical profession today advocates such speed in emergency service when from 3 to 5 to 10 years ago, they were almost the exact opposite. Mr. Cocke replied the medical profession has changed its basic policy; for a long time doctors even rode in the ambulances. He stated the medical profession needs so many extra facilities and therefore the extension of the emergency room to the hospital or the hospital emergency room extended to the ambulance has become the point at which the division between an ambulance service and a hospital service has been formulated. That he is personally of the opinion that it is much better to arrive at the hospital safely than it is to have another accident on arriving there.

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Councilman Alexander stated he gets many complaints regarding emergency and non-emergency cases and asked if it is a national trend to get so many complaints. Mr. Cocks replied actually you get about as many complaints from any service that has been continuing for a long time. One of the biggest problems is turnover of personnel; another problem is maintaining a standard of efficiency and a standard of training which has to be perpetual. There will be complaints about any established, long-term operation at one time or another, regardless of which branch of government it might fall into or which division of the private or public sector that it might fall into.

Councilman Alexander asked if Mr. Cocks felt the complaints Council is receiving in Charlotte are just normal complaints and Mr. Cocks replied Charlotte has had a model type of operation, a successful type of operation; that Charlotte is fortunate to have the type service it has had for the past 10 years.

Councilman Short asked if other cities now have the opportunity to operate an ambulance service beyond the city limits which Charlotte does not? Mr. Cocks replied there are very few that ever go past their normal geographic limits; one reason is a commercial private structure is more or less on a contract basis for city and county; there are many cities who divide their city up and use several carriers depending on the geographic area within a given city. He stated as far as dispatching is concerned, this has been a very fine attribute here in that their response time is one of the records in the industry; where you locate an ambulance is not important because that ambulance is available as long as you have communication - that it does not make any difference where it starts from - it is going to start the moment you start communicating with it.

Councilman Jordan asked what the percentage is regarding private ambulance and city-operated ambulances and Mr. Cocks replied the private ambulance operation covers 70 million people so that based on population there would be about 40 to 45 percent privately operated ambulances in the nation.

Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Cocks if he stated the national trend is away from publicly operated ambulances and Mr. Cocks replied yes, this is true; they have far more requests from Police and Fire Departments, volunteer services and funeral homes calling them during the course of a week, asking how they can change their services then they do where the private operator is in business and has a dedicated, responsive structure that people tend to be satisfied much more with what they have. That he has weekly requests from Police and Fire Departments that indicate they would like to return it to the private sectors.

Mr. Cocks stated cost accounting is probably the hardest thing for people to understand in this business for the simple reason that Charlotte, for instance, has a rather low cost, a \$20.00 or \$25.00 type of charge - that the national average is well up over \$33.00 or \$34.00. That he noticed last week Rockford, Illinois now charges \$52.00 for an average trip.

He stated if Council is going to get into the real cost of a publicly operated system, he would hope Council would go into the cost of the overhead necessary, the additional people that will be employed; the cost of doing business, pensions, additional turnover, introductory number of Civil Service opportunities, and also the interchange of work; these items many times do not get utilized on a cost basis and therefore will give you low cost figures when actually most of the important charges are left out.

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Councilman Thrower stated in the report given to Council by the City Manager, it states the average response time is 5 and 1/2 minutes for an ambulance; this compares to 6 minutes in a patrol car and 5 minutes for a fire truck. He stated he finds this hard to believe.

Councilman Thrower asked if the time clock is kept in the dispatcher's office of the Charlotte Ambulance Service and no one has anyway to check it other than the dispatcher who sends these men out? Mr. Cocke replied most ambulance services answer the telephone by giving you the time of day and it is recorded as well as when the ambulance started out. Councilman Thrower stated he is not talking about most cities, he is talking about Charlotte. Mr. Cocke stated the first thing they usually say is the time and therefore it is recorded because you set the time immediately when you identify the telephone call. Councilman Thrower asked would it not be better to have the time clock in the vehicles? Mr. Cocke stated most vehicles have a time clock - not the kind of time clock which would begin with the call but he did not know how the Charlotte system operates regarding the time clock. Councilman Thrower stated the ambulances in Charlotte do not have a time clock.

Mr. Allen Bailey stated the Charlotte ambulances do have time clocks and can be checked at anytime to see where the ambulance was at that time, what time it stopped, what time it started, it is all there.

Mr. Bill Clanton stated he has had three heart attacks in the last ten years. That in 1967 he woke up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and his wife called the Charlotte Ambulance Service and they received immediate response. The attendants came up to his bedroom on the second floor, up a winding stairway, lifted him out of the bed, put him on the stretcher and carried him down in the proper manner. He stated he was a pharmacist's mate in World War II and drove an ambulance for some time so he is familiar with the procedure involved in the care of a patient.

He stated on January 8th of this year, he woke up at 1:00 o'clock in the morning with another heart attack. He called for the ambulance service and again they gave him quick response. The attendants had to carry him down the stairway along with a heavy oxygen tank and he was taken very quickly to the hospital. That it was quite cold that night, about 4 or 5 degrees.

Mr. Clanton stated he is very concerned about the Charlotte Ambulance Service; that Charlotte has good service. He does not care what kind of business you run, you will have complaints. That he operates a business himself and no one is perfect about everything.

Councilman Tuttle asked if Mr. Clanton is saying the attendants brought the oxygen tank the third trip because their records were so complete, they knew what to expect? Mr. Clanton replied they always carry an oxygen tank in the ambulance, at least every time he has been in one. That possibly his wife told the attendant to bring the oxygen upstairs or maybe they just had it with them but he did have oxygen administered in his bedroom.

Councilman Short asked where Mr. Clanton's home is located and Mr. Clanton replied on Queens Road. Councilman Short asked how long it took the ambulance to get there and Mr. Clanton replied it was not over 10 minutes because the ambulance service had him on the stretcher, going out the front door, to be loaded into the ambulance, when his doctor arrived. His doctor has not even stopped to dress, he had his pajamas on and his clothes over his pajamas.

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Mr. John Hallman stated he came basically to speak in favor of free enterprise and having known Mr. Brandes all these years, he would like to state he feels Charlotte is getting very efficient ambulance service and with taxation such as it is today, he cannot join in with those who want to create other problems.

Mr. Bailey stated so much has been said about the Chamber of Commerce's Report he would like to point out some of the information contained which is at variance with the facts as we know them. The report commends the reliable voluntary emergency service in North Mecklenburg County; if Council will make an investigation of this service, they will find it is operated by paid employees, as the report contradicts itself by stating this fact on Page 17.

He stated the North Mecklenburg Service uses stations wagons and as it is pointed out in the Manager's Report, this is an unacceptable practice by the current standards. In addition, the Chamber's Report states that communities tend to depend more and more on municipally operated services. In checking the Department of Transportation Survey it shows a 25% increase in private service against a 15% increase in governmental service.

That on Page 6 the report states the Police and Fire Personnel have superior training; this is true in the area of fire fighting and catching criminals but it is the very same training that is administered at the Charlotte Ambulance Service. It would seem that the Ambulance Service concentrates their efforts in one area while the fire department personnel and the police department personnel are specialists in their area. If you began with two people, evenly educated or trained in a particular area, the person who does nothing but concentrate on one job is eventually going to be better qualified in the area that he performs the most so that even though they began even, they do not stay even, they become more proficient.

Mr. Bailey stated the report calls attention to the fact there is a primitive form of certification currently in use for ambulance service personnel; he would like to state this primitive form of certification is designated by State Law and is followed by Charlotte Ambulance Service.

That on Page 8 of the report it recommends a specialized mobile coronary unit and then admits, after a full page, this is not feasible in Charlotte.

He stated the Chamber's report notes the Charlotte Ambulance Service Radio System is the finest, or at least a very excellent two-way radio system; that it has been commended by ambulance services and by governmental bodies throughout the United States as being the very best way of communication.

Mr. Bailey stated the Chamber's Report further states the National Academy of Science Research Council feels that response time leaves room for vast improvements. He would agree this is true - if the Charlotte Ambulance Service had a response time of 23 minutes; the truth is the Charlotte Ambulance Service has a response time of 5.08 minutes and the question has arisen as to how this can be checked since the Ambulance Service keeps the records. He stated the Police Department also keeps a record; the Fire Department also keeps a record; he has a lot of faith in what their records show; he has a lot of faith in the way Roddey Brandes operates his business; he would not want it to appear that he would falsify records or that he would advise anyone else to falsify records.

He stated the time clocks are in each of the ambulances; it shows what time the ambulance first moved and what time it arrived on the scene; the reason for it is so the management can tell what these ambulances are doing; he is interested in response time; he is interested in what kind of service the people are getting and they are getting a response time that is almost five times less than is true nation-wide.

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Mr. Bailey asked how much more can we expect from the Charlotte Ambulance Service? Can we expect less than 5.08 minutes response time? It seems to him we are almost at the top in response time; he is cognizant of the fact there are instances in which this would not be true. Obviously, there are things which delay ambulances as well as would delay anyone. That when we have an overall response time of 5.08 minutes, how much more can we expect in the City of Charlotte? Everyone would like for it to be instantaneously, but it is not possible. It takes vehicles some time to get from one point to another and we know the national average is 23 minutes and we know that Charlotte's is 5.08 minutes.

He stated the Chamber's Report on Page 9 notes the response time is 7.09 minutes, when actually it is 5.08. It has constantly stayed below 6 minutes; it was checked in the month of March of 1969 and at that time it was not 5.08, but was less than 6 minutes.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Bailey to explain what is meant by "response time" and Mr. Bailey replied response time is from the time the call is received at the headquarters to the time the ambulance arrives on the scene.

Councilman Thrower stated he would like to clarify one item; this is not a personal attack on Mr. Brandes; he is not against private enterprise as he makes his living this way; this is merely in the interest of the public.

Mr. Bailey stated it is also in the interest of the public that he is before Council today; if he felt the City Government would give better service than Mr. Brandes has given, he would be here talking for the other side; if Mr. Brandes had a 23 minute response time and the national average was 5.08 minutes, he would be here on the other side; if the taxpayers could save money by putting the service in the hands of the city, he would be here today saying put it in the hands of the city.

He stated the taxpayers do have an interest and it is a primary concern of Council to inquire as to the cost of this operation; if Council will simply inquire into every governmental agency that is furnishing ambulance service, they will find the cost is substantially more than Charlotte is paying. The City of Charlotte last year paid about \$5,000.00 for ambulance service - a subsidy of \$5,000.00. The County also paid approximately the same amount; if Council will look into the figures of cities which are furnishing ambulance service by governmental agencies, they will find a tremendous difference.

For instance, in Tampa, Florida where there is a privately-owned ambulance service, there the city subsidizes \$390,000.00; for \$390,000 the city received a response time of 10.2 minutes - almost twice that of the City of Charlotte and the City of Charlotte only paid \$5,000.00.

In Portland, Oregon, a response time of 12.3 minutes; New York City, where you have 42 hospitals, ambulance services operated by the hospitals situated in 42 different locations, there is a 15 minute response time and for that 15 minute response time, the taxpayers are paying 7 million dollars.

Closer home, at Guilford County, where it is operated by the government, \$378,000.00; Forsythe County, government operated, \$207,000.00; Memphis, Tennessee, the whole county is approximately 1/2 million people, it is costing the government \$776,205 per year; Jacksonville, Florida, for the government being in the ambulance business, about 500,000 people, it is costing \$750,000; it is a concern of this Council as to what it costs; it is a concern of the taxpayers and when Council is spending money they are spending money that belongs to the taxpayers and Council ought to consider it.

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Mr. Bailey stated there is no question but if you go out of the private ambulance business and go into the governmental-owned ambulance service, Council is going to have to raise taxes in this county by 3%; this is what the City Manager's Report shows; this is what all the information compiled indicates, or Council has to take non-tax revenue and then replace it with tax revenue.

Councilman Thrower stated he did not find the 3% figure in the City Manager's Report; that the report stated 3% the first year. Mr. Bailey stated who knows what the figure will be after the first year; that he has never known government services to get cheaper.

Mr. Bailey stated not only do the taxpayers have an interest in dollars and cents but Charlotte is getting the very best response that can be obtained. He asked how much more can we expect? He is interested in how much the people on the street have to pay; he knows Mr. Thrower is not making any personal attack upon Mr. Brandes, but we should not take isolated incidences of a flat tire on a vehicle, or a brake that goes out, or something of this nature and condemn a function, a service in the City of Charlotte that the records show have been above the average of the United States since it was formed in 1960.

Councilman Thrower stated he has not attempted to do this; he has not attempted to bring in the real heart breaking stories that he has heard as Mr. Bailey has done today.

Mr. Bailey passed around to Council copies of paid statements with letters of commendation the ambulance service received from the public. He read a portion of a letter from Mrs. Helen Irby Threadgill thanking Mr. Gilbert and Mr. McIlroy for being so courteous. He stated he will not take Council's time by going through each letter noting the people who have expressed appreciation for the fast, efficient and excellent service of this ambulance service but neither these letters, nor isolated cases Council may point out, give reason to condemn a service which the record reveals has done an outstanding job in the City of Charlotte and has served as a model for the United States since its inception in 1960.

Councilman Thrower asked if all the employees of the Charlotte Ambulance Service have certificates and Mr. Brandes replied those who do not have certificates are under training to get certificates under the Authority of the North Carolina State Board of Health; new employees do not have certificates but are in active training.

Mr. Bailey stated the Chamber's report indicates at least 60 hours special training ought to be required of these ambulance attendants; since 1964 Mr. Roddey Brandes has been working with the Charlotte Piedmont Community College in establishing a training program so that his personnel, and anyone else that wanted to qualify in this area, could get special training. That it goes far beyond that which is suggested by the Chamber's Report as they suggest 60 hours of special training whereas Piedmont Community College's course is 70 hours of special training; this is something Mr. Brandes has been working on since 1964 - it has just been approved and it will be in operation before long.

Councilman Thrower stated he does not see any incentive at \$1.60 per hour; if a man is on for 24 hours and off for 24 hours and he is only paid ~~XXXX~~ \$1.60 per hour, he does not know where they are going to get incentive.

Mr. Bailey asked if Councilman Thrower was in favor of an increase in salary and Councilman Thrower replied he is in favor of a better ambulance service than we have at present, whether it be private or public.

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Mr. Bailey asked in what area is he referring to that needs improving; is he talking about response time? Councilman Thrower replied yes, that is obvious.

Councilman Withrow asked if the other counties near Mecklenburg referred to earlier, have contacted Mr. Brandes or are they satisfied with government service even though they are paying more taxes. Mr. Bailey replied he did not know the answer to that; he does know a lot of governmental agencies have contacted Mr. Brandes asking how to get out of the ambulance business and get some private enterprise to take it over; Mr. Brandes has been called upon in many instances to help make this transition and has made it.

Councilman Thrower asked if Mr. Brandes was in Guilford County at one time and Mr. Brandes replied yes, that is correct.

Mayor pro tem Whittington thanked Mr. Bailey and Mr. Brandes and others for coming to today's Council Meeting.

COST ESTIMATE ON FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AREAS 3 AND 4 PRESENTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY MR. JACK PENTES, CHAIRMAN OF MAYOR'S BLUE HEAVEN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Jack Pentes, Chairman of Mayor's Blue Heaven Committee, stated he appeared before Council two weeks ago and at that time Council reviewed the presentation of the Mayor's Blue Heaven Committee.

He stated at that time they requested Council to authorize an expenditure for a feasibility study on land use for Areas 3 and 4. Their report indicated an estimated cost of \$15,000 and it was specifically requested by Council that their Committee investigate firms who qualified to make feasibility studies and report back to them at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Pentes stated Councilman Whittington had previously requested to have this information back to Council in one week; he is sorry to be a week late but their Committee wanted to make absolutely certain they had firms that were qualified; had a track record; firms that could be checked on and would be highly recommended.

He stated his Committee has contacted three firms, sent them copies of their report to Council by the Blue Heaven Committee, and have received replies from all three.

Mr. Pentes stated with regard to the cost of a feasibility study in Areas 3 and 4 of the Brooklyn Urban Renewal Area in line with the recommendations of the Blue Heaven Committee's Report, they contacted two firms in California and one in Hollywood, Florida.

He stated one of the firms in California, Economic Research Associates, estimated a study for both areas to be produced in a period of eight weeks, at a cost of \$16,000.00 plus \$1,600.00 in expenses, for a total of \$17,600.00. The company's credentials include the following: they are familiar with Charlotte, they have done work here, they conducted a study for Mr. E. Pat Hall, on Charlotte CaroWinds Project; for Mr. Peter Scott of Spring Mills Incorporated, for a Milwaukee Downtown Recreation with Tiffany Gardens atmosphere; conducted a study for Mr. Angus G. Wynne, Chairman of the Great Southwest Corporation for a Six Flags over Texas theme park; conducted studies for General Joseph Potter, Vice President of Walt Disney World, and have done the feasibility work for the Florida Disney World planning; they have worked the McCracken Civic Center Development Corporation in St. Louis, on the St. Louis Riverfront Square Development; they have worked the Los Angeles Port-of-Call Village Merchandising Entertainment Center and they are currently working for Don Tatum, President of Walt Disney Productions for Disneyland Planning. In addition, they have a current project with the State of South Carolina on tourism; they come very well recommended; they have offices world-wide; their nearest office to Charlotte is in Washington.

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That the National Feasibility Study Corporation of Hollywood, Florida estimated study time of 14 weeks at a cost of \$11,600.00. He stated he does not have all their recommendations before him but they are familiar with the Charlotte area; their most recent study being conducted for the Rousch Company in the area around Charlottetown Mall and they are quite familiar with Charlotte. Their proposal is a stage proposal, with the expenditures made in stages of their feasibility; the first stage being \$4,800; the second \$2,800.00 and the third \$4,000.00, for a total of \$11,600.00. They also have an office in Washington.

Mr. Pentes stated they also contacted the Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, California; they are very similar in size and make-up of the first company mentioned today; they have an office in Washington; have done work in the Charlotte area; they also worked with Mr. Hall on the Carowinds Development, so they are familiar with Charlotte.

He stated their reply was the least favorable in that they wanted a fee of \$15,000.00 for a study of Area 3 only; they did not quote on a study of Area 4; they could start the study in two weeks but did not give an estimate of time needed to complete the study.

Mr. Pentes stated all three firms have a copy of their Report and have agreed to submit detailed break-downs of their estimates telling exactly what they would provide; when contacted, the committee asked if they could provide the following and have all replied verbally that they could: Provide preliminary market analysis, the optimum investment level; additional planning; research into financing options; the economic impact or expected benefit for the area; location analysis; the effect of complimentary and/or competitive attractions in the Charlotte Area as well as a report on the saturation point on primary market for Charlotte as a primary market for recreational facilities.

Mr. Pentes stated his committee asked Economic Research Associates if they found this committee had made a bad recommendation, would they tell them early enough in the study that his committee could go back to Council and tell them it has been recommended the study be stopped. He stated Economic Research Associates replied they would agree to this.

He stated Council has three excellent firms from which to chose and presented to Mayor Pro Tem Whittington other written information regarding the firms for Council's consideration.

Mr. Pentes stated he would like to know if Council has any further instructions for their Committee relative to their work.

Councilman Short asked if Mr. Pentes has any comments regarding the statement last week of Mr. Ferebee regarding how Council could consider providing funds for the Blue Heaven Committee's Feasibility Study for a private project and then not providing the funds for his Feasibility Study for a private project. Mr. Pentes replied in reviewing the thoroughness with which these firms work, whether or not either of these projects ever become reality, the information gathered in these studies would be of immense value to anyone wanting to use that land for any purpose.

Mr. Pentes stated the proposed development that General Ferebee recommends is very interesting and the same material gathered by the Blue Heaven Committee would apply to that proposed project; the study would be of value to the city on both tracts of land.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington stated Council appreciates the work Mr. Pentes and his Committee have done in the past months in preparation of the report which was given to Council two weeks ago. Since Mr. Pentes gave Council his report, General Ferebee came to Council and made a presentation on a client that engaged his services as an architect. He stated Council has asked him to inform Mr. Pentes they will take the information he has presented under advisement and will give him an answer as quickly as they can; it may be a week or two weeks, but Council/^{will} get back as quickly as they can.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated all of Council is indebted to Mr. Pentes for his imagination and for what he has tried to do to help our city.

Mr. Pentes stated his Committee is interested in what is best for Charlotte; they are very pleased their Committee's work in this area has focused some attention on it; they are delighted someone else has shown an interest in the land; if it is a good plan for Charlotte, then his Committee is glad; the Committee's good work will not have been done in vain in any event.

He read the following from his Committee's report: "The prime consideration of the 'Concept Serendipity' being located in Area 3 is because of its relationship to downtown. It is in the line of sight and therefore its appearance and attraction become a vital part of a new face and character of Charlotte. It is both possible and feasible to extend the 'Concept Serendipity' or amplify its functions into Area 4, the Blue Heaven Site, with access being provided through or over the proposed expressway. This is most important, while 'Concept Serendipity' could be produced in Area 4, utilizing the basic concepts designed for Area 3, the Committee feels strongly that its success would be heavily dependent upon the same access being provided to Area 3. The physical access would provide the harmonious relationship between the two tracts of land; their function and availability to pedestrian traffic and would be a definite compliment to the proposed Sugar Creek Basin Waterway which is adjacent to both tracts. The combination of all elements discussed in this and attached reports fully relate and demand equal consideration, one relative to the other. This will result in the realization of the potential and excitement, both economic and human, available to our city by the bold and imaginative use of Urban Renewal Land and its relation to the beauty and distinctive growth of a strong city".

Mr. Pentes stated he wanted to amplify this statement to Council in the event that other pressing matters would keep it from being clear when they read the report. He stated their Committee would like to continue to function; they are open to Council and come today for counsel in presenting their reports and recommendations.

Councilman Short asked about Mr. Pentes' thoughts relating to the fact that at night the governmental center is just closed up except for the folks in jail, while the Charlottetown Mall, and presumably the Canal Project, would be primarily operative at night and it would appear that the Serendipity-type park would be largely, or to some measure, operative at night. Is this not a factor for consideration?

Mr. Pentes replied very definitely, Charlotte has very little night life right now.

Councilman Short asked in between downtown orientation, which really means it would be orientated to the governmental center as versus to the Canal Project and the Mall, is the night factor pertinent there? Mr. Pentes replied under present conditions, yes; but his Committee feels things are going to start to happen in Charlotte at night with the revitalization of downtown urban renewal there. In this immediate area, the governmental plaza, plans have been approved for the pedestrian walkway from the education center over to the other buildings and architects, designers and others he has talked with, have envisioned this as being a well-lighted area, a used area. That the area in governmental plaza will be in a park-like setting.

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Mr. Pentes stated his Committee sees the relationship strengthened here at night by the relationship of the Downtown Urban Renewal, Convention Center and Area 3 and 4; there will be a period when it will be a little "ragged" but in looking to the future, there will be a streak of light from the square down to the Charlottetown Mall and a very safe atmosphere.

DISCUSSION OF CIVIC CENTER SITE LOCATIONS BY MR. TOM SYKES, MR. JIMMY PATRON AND MR. ALBERT PEARSON.

Mr. Tom Sykes stated with regard to the Civic Center hassle, he is trying to keep Council out of court because we are all definitely going to have to go to court if this is not settled and the location moved to the satisfaction of the people who voted relative to it.

He stated some of the members of Council have questioned the validity of statements promised to the voters on the site for the Civic Center; where did all of this information come from and who promised what, etc.? That after a little study and a little delving, he would like to submit to Council as evidence as to where this information came from relative to the College, Brevard, Second and Third Street site for the Civic Center - it came from the office of Mr. Bill Veeder, under the date line of 11-6-69.

Mr. Sykes stated Mr. Veeder's letter, on blue memo paper, stated that Jim Whittington had asked him to forward to Mr. Sykes the attached material regarding the Civic Center; further, that Mr. Veeder's memo also stated if Mr. Sykes needed any additional information, to call him.

He stated in Paragraph 4 of the attached information, it states the Center would be located on the block bounded by College, Brevard, Second and Third Streets; it is written in black and white and this is where the information came from.

Also, he stated the memo notes the Civic Center street pattern improvement, which was voted in for the amount of \$2 million dollars, did not mention the East Trade Street location where they have now placed this Civic Center.

That he would submit to Council these two sheets of paper for Council's information so they could see where this information came from. He stated Council told him and George Broaderick to help sell the Civic Center on the basis that it would be at the corner of College, Brevard, Second and Third Streets, and that is exactly what they did because Council asked them to do it.

Mr. Sykes stated if it takes court action, the Civic Center location is not going to be on East Trade Street; that a court fight will cost money; that he does not look forward to it.

He stated Mayor Belk asked him last week to recommend additional sites and he is prepared to present them at this time for Council's consideration.

Mr. Sykes quoted a news release "that the cost of the Civic Center includes \$700,000 for the land, \$7 million dollars for the building and \$3 million dollars for sub-level parking." That his argument with Council is that he intends to see that this is what is delivered to the voters of Charlotte.

That on September 25, 1969, Mayor Belk stated the city would buy the land at Third and Brevard Street at the going market rate from Southern Railroad; this is believed to be about \$600,000.

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Mr. Sykes stated Mayor Belk further stated it is the parking that raised the cost of the Center from the original \$7 million to nearly \$10 million, but then the City would own and operate the parking.

That Council will not be allowed to forget this promise and if this issue gets into the courts, some members of Council may not be here when this issue is through; this is going to be settled to the interest of the voters and we are going to give the voters exactly what Council asked them to vote for and it cannot be built on Trade Street because there is not enough land there.

He stated Council should not let A. G. Odell go down there and spend \$10.7 million of the taxpayers money to build one building when Council promised them something else.

Mr. Jimmy W. Patton stated he is here today at the request of Mr. Tom Sykes and because of his own interest in the Civic Center. He stated he voted for the Civic Center with the understanding, on information that was furnished by the people who promoted the Civic Center, that the people would receive a Civic Center for so much money with so many parking spaces.

He stated it turns out now that the East Trade Street site is going to be short of parking spaces to the tune of somewhere around 900 parking spaces; that one reason he is concerned about this is that his father was the founder of The Maiden Carolina Exposition back about 40 years ago and he promoted that.

Mr. Patton stated the City of Charlotte and the growth of the Carolinas has always been dear to him; that wherever we locate a Civic Center we must, of necessity, have ingress and egress that is more than one street, namely Trade Street, which runs east and west.

He stated we should not have subterranean parking, we should have open parking for the Civic Center; it is open parking in Atlanta.

Mr. Patton stated he would like to suggest one site to be considered for the Civic Center and that is the Post Office location. The area involved on Trade Street has a total footage of roughly 145,000 to 150,000 feet; it is approximately the same area discussed on Brevard Street; there was 202,000 sq. ft. on Brevard Street but about 35,000 of that was lost by a street going through there and to arrive at 202,000 sq. ft. you must go over Second Street and get up in the air 30 feet.

That another site is bounded by Third Street and on the side by Independence Boulevard facing McDowell Street. At this point you would have ingress and egress on McDowell going north-south to Independence Boulevard, thereby going east-west and going to I-77, or to I-85, by 1975 when it will connect with the boulevard and all the highways. You can also get off on Third Street which will go out of Charlotte and onto this Interstate Bypass which will also come back to Independence Boulevard and go south or north.

Mr. Patton stated this land area encompasses about 685,000 sq. ft.; the Civic Center would not need that amount of land; the price of this area is in the price bracket that was allocated for the Civic Center to begin with; tentatively, the Urban Renewal Commission has a price of \$1.23 per sq. ft. which would be somewhere around \$700,000 and that can be negotiated.

He stated the Civic Center would not require all this land; there would be additional land in this area that could be sold off, or leased to motels, which would bring added income; it was anticipated originally the Civic Center would bring an income of about \$991,000 per year, with parking of about 240,000. That the area not needed in the 14.66 acre tract of land would have sufficient area to be an asset to it. This is only about six blocks further out from what we call downtown than the so-called one square block area surrounding Trade and Tryon Street.

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Mr. Patton stated at the Second Ward School site there are three tracts of land; the school itself encompasses one and one-tenth acre, the next section encompasses 4.80 acres, the next section contains 2.4 acres all totalling roughly 356,000 square feet. He stated Charlotte can not build a Civic Center with open parking with anything less than 250,000 sq. ft.

He stated he knows City Council has done, is doing and will continue doing all it can to represent the people of Charlotte because they are taxpaying citizens as he is; he has no axe to grind with any of those involved in this.

Mr. Patton stated he would like to see the City Council appoint an independent commission to study the area completely independent of any of the people involved at present and to recommend a Civic Center site on which we are going to build and live with for the next 50 years.

Councilman Short asked if the second site Mr. Patton proposed is the one the Mecklenburg County School Board is reserving for the Metropolitan High School and Mr. Patton replied he was not aware that anyone was reserving this tract of land.

Councilman Alexander asked if Mr. Patton is suggesting that City Council pick another Committee to choose another site and Mr. Patton replied he is saying City Council is responsible to the voters to give them what they voted for, regardless of the location; if you cannot put it on Trade Street, then put it wherever you can put it; that possibly there will be other sites than the ones he has brought to the attention of Council today, but he would like to see Council give to the voters a Civic Center with parking spaces no lower than 1200, if we can have more than this, then this is all the better. That he feels we will need at least 2,500 to 3,000 parking spaces.

Councilman Short stated he is certainly doing and will continue to do everything he can to arrange substantial municipal parking downtown immediately.

Councilman Withrow asked if Mr. Patton had anyone in particular in mind regarding a new committee and Mr. Patton replied he did not mean a committee, he really meant some reliable person to check these sites and any other sites that may be suggested which would be in the proximity to fit into downtown from McDowell to Graham, from Morehead to Eleventh Street.

Mayor pro tem Whittington thanked Mr. Tom Sykes, and Mr. Jim Patton and Mr. Albert Pearson for coming before Council and making them aware of what we are all trying to do together for the City; that Mr. Patton's uncle was mayor of Charlotte at one time; that Mr. Pearson has been in business in the area where Council proposes to put the Civic Center. That on the docket today, Council is to consider boring tests at this location to determine if this type of parking is feasible. He stated Council has tried to go down this road together and they are trying to do one thing - that which Council feels is good for Charlotte in the form of a Civic Center; this site is not a magic site but has been one which, in the process of elimination, Council has arrived at.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated he did have a business in this area but not wanting any part of the Urban Renewal for the rich, he withdrew from the area; that the cost of the land in this area is much greater than it is in any of the other proposed sites.

He stated he has a copy of the Lassiter Report to Council in which he can safely say that no real effort has been made by our city government to find a suitable location without being tied down too close to an area called downtown.

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Mr. Pearson stated Mr. Sykes takes the position that the voters were promised something and Council has obtained the approval of the voters and now Council is renegeing on that promise by moving the Civic Center to East Trade Street; the Lassiter Report says nothing about any other sites being considered; it says nothing about anything except moving back to the original site which is what a great many people thought would happen to start with.

He stated a great many people in Charlotte feel that certain people run the City; this Council is going to have to look at a bigger Charlotte and a greater Charlotte than the one sometimes referred to as the Belk-Ivey-Bank Complex and he would respectfully back the proposal to have this looked into by an independent individual or committee.

Mr. Pearson stated when Mr. Lassiter was asked to look into this, he was not free from strain; he does not believe when Mayor Brookshire was on this committee, that he was free from previous commitments, and he does not believe Mr. Odell can make a free and independent decision. That it is tied in too closely with the people in the area who possibly stand to gain or lose.

He stated the time has come when if Council is to envision any type of car complex on Sugar Creek, that the possibilities of this area between the creek and downtown must be improved, even possibly to the extent of looking a few years ahead for tying-in the Stadium Complex in the immediate area as well. Then Charlotte would have something the community could be proud of.

DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO VOTE ON TWO AGENDA ITEMS TODAY DUE TO THE FACT THAT SIX AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NEEDED TO REZONE.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated there are two items on today's agenda that require six votes by Council in order to rezone the property; that since the Mayor is out of the city and he is acting as Mayor pro tem, he would not be able to vote and would like to know Council's wishes regarding these two items.

Councilman Short moved that Agenda Items 4 and 13 be deferred because of the situation mentioned by Mayor pro tem Whittington. The motion did not receive a second.

Mayor, pro tem Whittington stated Council apologizes to the people present who have waited through the previous hearing but that it is a legal procedure that Council is bound by. That where there is a three-fourths rule petition requiring six votes, it takes that many Councilmen to vote and in fairness to the people present, he does not think they should ask them to vote when this situation prevails.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington stated we had public hearings scheduled when Council came into this Chamber and by City Charter and by Ordinance, Council has to hear those and Council realizes the inconvenience caused to the people waiting but Council cannot help this situation.

Mr. Scott Blanton asked Mayor pro tem Whittington if he said Council would prefer that we not vote; that it seemed to him that he was saying we have some latitude in this. He stated he is not an attorney and does not know legally if they could call for a vote or not. That this is the third or fourth time that they have brought 200 or 300 people, at some great inconvenience, up to the Council Chambers and have waited the entire day.

Mr. Blanton stated they are not criticizing, but they do want it clearly understood by the people present that there is some legal barrier as to why Agenda Item No. 4 could not be voted on today.

Councilman Short stated he feels the same way; that he regrets this sort of situation, but with land sites involved here that run into tens of thousands of dollars, if Council had a 5 to 1 vote and the other Councilmembers made it known that he would have gone with the other, it would be manifestly unfair to the property owners. Councilman Short stated he agrees with Mr. Blanton and wishes this was not the case, but Council has no choice.

Mr. Blanton stated they do not have land values totaling tens of thousands, they have land values representing 600 people that signed the actual petition and 2,000 to 3,000 people who would sign the petition who have homes running anywhere from 20,000 to 150,000 to 200,000 dollars. He stated when you add that, you are dealing with a lot of land value.

Councilman Short replied when he stated tens of thousands, he actually meant millions of dollars.

Councilman Thrower asked if Council could not go ahead and vote on these petitions today?

Councilman Tuttle moved that Council make a decision today on these two Agenda Items. He stated Council has never felt that one man should have a right to kill a three-fourths situation and when Council has only six present, then only one man can; that he controls the whole situation. He stated since Council already knows what they are going to do on both these petitions, he has made this motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Mr. Ben Horack, attorney representing the petitioner, stated he would like to impose an objection as this is the first time to his knowledge Council has undertaken to move on a three-quarter situation without a full Council present.

Councilman Tuttle stated Mr. Horack's objection is not illegal and he would like to assure him and the others present that it does not make any difference whether six Councilmen are present or seven Councilmen are present, they already know the outcome.

A vote was taken on the motion to proceed with Agenda Items No. 4 and 13, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Thrower, Alexander, Jordan and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilman Short.

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PETITION NO. 69-73 BY JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY AND CHARLES R. MILLER FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-20MF OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 21 ACRES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BEGINNING 120 FEET SOUTH OF STARBROOK DRIVE, DENIED.

Councilman Jordan moved that subject petition for rezoning be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve subject petition and received the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Jordan, Alexander, Short and Withrow.

NAYS: Councilmen Tuttle and Thrower.

The motion was defeated for failure to have six (6) votes in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 588-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY BEGINNING 400 FEET NORTH OF NORTH TRYON STREET, BETWEEN BEECHWAY CIRCLE AND WELLINGFORD STREET EXTENDING TO MARKWAY.

Councilman Short moved adoption of subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to O-6 and B-2 of property beginning 400 feet north of North Tryon Street, between Beechway Circle and Wellingford Street extending to Markway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 82.

ORDINANCE NO. 589-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT 4200-4212 SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-2 of property at 4200-4212 South Tryon Street.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 83.

ORDINANCE NO. 590-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY FROM R-9MF TO O-6 AT 1601 AND 1609 EASTWAY DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to O-6 of property located at 1601 and 1609 Eastway Drive.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 84.

PETITION NO. 70-57 BY HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12MF TO O-6 AND B-1 OF A PARCEL OF LAND 200' X 274' AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF RANDOLPH ROAD AND GAYNOR ROAD, DEFERRED.

Councilman Short moved to defer subject petition for one week in order to give more time for him to study this petition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

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PETITION NO. 70-58 BY SUMMERS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-9MF OF 53 ACRES OF LAND ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF MCALPINE CREEK, DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-12 to R-9MF of 53 acres of land on the southwest side of Independence Boulevard along the east side of McAlpine Creek was deferred as recommended by the Planning Commission pending further discussion of possible development plans.

ORDINANCE NO. 591-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF SOUTH BOULEVARD AT BLAND STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to O-6 of a parcel of land 50' x 215' on the southeast side of South Boulevard at Bland Street.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 85.

PETITION NO. 70-38 BY JAMES A. CROCKETT, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO R-6MFH OF THREE LOTS AT 812, 818 AND 830 QUEENS ROAD AND PETITION NO. 70-60 BY NORA H. RAY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO R-6MFH OF A LOT AT 500 QUEENS ROAD, DEFERRED.

Councilman Thrower moved to defer subject petitions as recommended by the Planning Commission pending additional discussion of development plans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

PETITION NO. 70-51 BY DELTA REALTY COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-9 OF 52.028 ACRES OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF DELTA ROAD, NORTH OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, DEFERRED.

Councilman Tuttle moved subject petition be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Short asked the reason for the deferrment and Mayor pro tem Whittington replied it was deferred last week at his request so that he could have an opportunity to study the property and speak to some of the property owners in the area; that he would like to report to Council he talked to Mr. Don Azer who said the representative of Delta had consulted him and said that they had agreed to make the strip R-15, single family, instead of the R-9, for the buffer for park purposes.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated Mr. Azer also stated to him that they would prefer that this property on Delta Road be R-12 instead of R-9; that he is not aware of whether the petitioner is aware of this or not and does not know their position on this matter but would like to state this for the record. He stated he would like for Council to defer this and have Mr. McIntyre or Mr. Bryant confer with Delta Realty and Mr. Azer who is the Chairman of the Lake Forest Community and see if they can resolve this strip between and then Council would have a fact to vote from.

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Councilman Withrow moved to defer this decision as recommended by Mayor pro tem Whittington. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Ritchie, representing the petitioner, if he was aware of this development and Mr. Ritchie replied yesterday he spoke with Mr. Azer and he indicated that creation of the R-15 zoning with R-9 on the remainder of the property would be acceptable to them and that he would indicate such to Mr. Whittington; that it comes as a surprise about the R-12; he did not know anything about this as they already have R-12 on the property.

Mr. Ritchie stated the arrangement they are making with these people is that they are interested in protecting their land values in Lake Forest and they shall create the low density lots immediately adjacent to their property to do what they are interested in. That in return for this they ask for their support in the creation of smaller lots over on Delta Road; that if that fails, they will simply put in the R-12 lots immediately adjacent to the Lake Forest Subdivision which he feels would tend to drop their property values a good deal more than the R-15 which they were offered in exchange for their support.

Councilman Thrower asked if Mr. Ritchie would object if Council were to defer this motion for another week and Mr. Ritchie replied he would be glad to go along with this.

Mayor pro tem Whittington advised Mr. Bryant that the motion is for him to get with Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Azer, representing this Lake Forest Community, and bring back to Council what they agree upon next Monday so Council can either deny or approve it.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 592-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN MONROE ROAD AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD EXTENDING FROM WOODBERRY FOREST SUBDIVISION ON THE WEST SIDE OF MCALPINE CREEK ON THE EAST.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting subject ordinance changing the zoning of land located between Monroe Road and Independence Boulevard extending from Woodberry Forest Subdivision on the west side to McAlpine Creek on the east from R-12 and R-12MF to B-1 and to R-12MF instead of the requested R-9MF except for approximately 23 acres adjacent to McAlpine Creek located in the floodplain area, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 86.

CONTRACT WITH GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR SUBSURFACE SOIL INVESTIGATION FOR THE CIVIC CENTER SITE, APPROVED.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of contract with Geotechnical Engineering Company in the amount of \$1,700.00 for sub-surface soil investigation for the Civic Center Site bounded by Fourth Street, College Street, Trade Street and the railroad, as recommended by the Architect for the Civic Center and the Director of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

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Councilman Tuttle asked if this study is going to possibly prove that the land is such that we can go deeper and get more parking spaces and Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied there is a relationship between the amount of parking that can be had on this and what the sub-surface soil conditions of the soil show. Councilman Tuttle stated if this is the case, he feels \$1,700 is a small amount to give Council some idea about this site.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTARY MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR PROJECT 8.1654801 - THIRD AND FOURTH STREET CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, subject resolution was adopted approving a supplementary municipal agreement with the State Highway Commission for Project 8.1654801 - Third and Fourth Street Construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Pages 80-82.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION FOR THE PARK ROAD PARK, APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the request of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission for the construction of 2,010 lineal feet of ten inch sanitary sewer relocation for the Park Road Park, at an estimated cost of \$52,070.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 593-X AMENDING THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$15,000 OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE AIRPORT FUND TO BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE vs. G. D. HOYLE.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$15,000 of the unobligated balance of the Airport Fund to be used for payment of settlement in the case of the City of Charlotte v. G. D. Hoyle.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 87.

SETTLEMENT WITH G. D. HOYLE FOR ACQUISITION OF FLIGHT EASEMENT OVER 4.8 ACRES OF LAND FOR AIRPORT PURPOSES, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, authorizing settlement with G. D. Hoyle at a settlement price of \$15,000 for the acquisition of a flight easement over 4.8 acres of land for airport purposes.

Councilman Short stated he would like the record to show that he feels that the City's attorneys did a commendable job on this settlement.

LEASE WITH CONTROL DATA CORPORATION FOR DISK PACKS ON A FIVE YEAR LEASE PLAN, APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of a lease with Control Data Corporation for disk packs at \$7.00 per month per pack, or \$1800 annually, on a five-year lease plan, cancellable by the City on a 30-day written notice. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 594-X AMENDING THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$158,413.00 OF THE SEWER RESERVE FOR CONTRACTUAL REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MAIN CONSTRUCTION.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, adopting subject ordinance amending the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$158,413.00 of the Sewer Reserve for Contractual Reimbursements for main construction.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated in action such as this, with money as it is and budget items facing this Council, and such statements that we can always find money when we want to, the reason this money is available is because of the increased water and sewer rates and we are just transferring this amount. He stated if this can be explained in more detail it would be helpful.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 88.

ORDINANCE NO. 595 AMENDING CHAPTER 20, SECTION 25, SCHEDULE V, "DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES".

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending Chapter 20, Section 25, Schedule V, "Designated Truck Routes".

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 89.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 1970 ON AMENDMENT NO. 1, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N. C. A-3.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of a resolution calling for a public hearing on Monday, May 25, 1970, on Amendment No. 1, Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N. C. A-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Pages 83-84.

CONTRACT WITH REVEREND C. E. BAKER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN AUBURNDALE ROAD, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, authorizing contract with Reverend C. E. Baker for the construction of 475 feet of water main in Auburndale Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,960.00, with the City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the construction cost.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Veeder to explain a little background on this item. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied the effective date of the change in policy is April 17 and now Council is asked to approve a contract under the old policy on May 4. He stated the fact is this gentleman gave substantial notice of his desire for this contract in advance of April 17 and for that reason he is recommending that this contract be honored on the assumption that it was actually made before the closeout date of the policy change.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

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APPRAISAL CONTRACT WITH HENRY E. BRYANT FOR ONE PARCEL OF LAND FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, an appraisal contract was authorized with Henry E. Bryant for the appraisal of one parcel of land at a fee of \$275.00 for the Eastway Drive Widening.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of 10' x 412.83' of easement at 5314 Galena Court from John Crosland Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Coventry Woods No. 4.
- (b) Acquisition of easements of 10' x 904', 15' x 630' and 15' x 848' on Highway 29 Bypass (I-85), at Taggart Creek, from C. Scott Akers and wife, Helen Ayer Akers, at \$2,370.00 for Taggart Creek Outfall.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO MRS. CORREN MEGORDEN FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit for a period of one year to Mrs. Corren Megorden, 2117 Chatham Avenue, for use on the premises of Belk Brothers Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots, as follows:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. W. E. R. Weeks for Grave No. 7, in Lot No. 20, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Lottie G. Johnston for Grave No. 9, in Lot No. 22, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF METAL BUILDING FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, Industrial Construction Company, in the amount of \$18,986.16, for the construction of a metal building for the Sanitation Department.

The following bids were received:

Industrial Construction Company	\$ 18,986.16
Myers & Chapman, Inc.	24,741.00
Young Contracting Company	29,450.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED CLIMATE ENGINEERING OF CHARLOTTE, INC., FOR AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING OF METAL BUILDING FOR SANITATION DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to the low bidder, Climate Engineering of Charlotte, Inc., in the amount of \$6,977.00, for air conditioning and heating of metal building for Sanitation Department.

The following bids were received:

Climate Engineering of Charlotte, Inc.	\$ 6,977.00
Air Masters, Inc.	7,381.00
P. C. Godfrey, Inc.	7,700.00
Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	7,852.00
Daughtry Sheet Metal Co.	9,062.00
Shanklin Air-Conditioning, Inc.	9,200.00
Ross & Witmer, Inc.	10,880.00

CONTRACT AWARDED AIR MASTERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF COUNCIL CHAMBER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Air Masters, Inc., in the amount of \$6,648.00, on a unit price basis, for construction and repair of Council Chamber air conditioning system. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Air Masters, Inc.	\$ 6,648.00
Ross & Witmer, Inc.	7,400.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ARCHDALE DRIVE BRIDGE AT SUGAR CREEK.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Crowder Construction Company in the negotiated amount of \$148,403.00, on a unit price basis for construction of Archdale Drive Bridge at Sugar Creek.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Company	\$ 148,403.00	(Negotiated Price)
Crowder Construction	\$ 165,203.00	
Blythe Brothers Company	170,392.50	
F. A. Triplett, Inc.	203,690.00	

CONTRACT AWARDED HICKORY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CULVERT CONSTRUCTION, BRICK MASONRY DROP INLETS, C. I. AND CONCRETE PIPE, MANHOLES AND AREA GRADING.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, contract was awarded Hickory Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$145,129.00 for the construction of a culvert in Brooklyn Urban Renewal Redevelopment Section No. 2 and the City has the option to include culvert construction in Brooklyn Urban Renewal Redevelopment Section No. 3, for a total contract price for the two sections in the amount of \$272,374.00. Hickory Construction Company, Inc. is to be notified before completion of Section No. 2 if the City is to exercise option for contract on No. 3.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Hickory Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 272,374.00
Crowder Construction Co.	285,194.60
Blythe Brothers Company	299,950.00
F. A. Triplett, Inc.	350,560.00

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NAME OF MR. H. A. BERRY PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM AUTHORITY.

Councilman Tuttle stated there is a vacancy on the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority and he would like to place in nomination for one week the name of Mr. H. A. "Jake" Berry. He stated Council has discussed this and there are dozens of capable men but they feel an attorney is in order as the Authority itself is anxious for an attorney.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES D. THOMAS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

Councilman Jordan moved that Mr. Charles D. Thomas be re-appointed to the Civil Service Board for a term of three years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO ADJUST LENGTH OF TIME FOR LEFT TURN SIGNAL AT RANDOLPH ROAD AND SHARON AMITY ROAD.

Councilman Jordan stated on Randolph Road and Sharon Amity we have quite a traffic problem with the left turn lane. That the left turn lane completely backs up traffic for about a mile or so every day. He stated he would like for the City Manager to request the Traffic Engineer to extend the time a little more on this turn signal and this way it will get the left lane traffic out of the way so that the people going straight ahead or to the right can move on out. That it also makes it difficult for the people coming out of Cotswold Shopping Center.

Councilman Jordan stated in the future when shopping centers are built, he would like to see a better ingress and egress than we have at Cotswold with people waiting for 15 or 20 minutes trying to get out.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO BRING TO COUNCIL INFORMATION REGARDING SHARON AMITY-PROVIDENCE ROAD INTERSECTION.

Councilman Tuttle stated he had mentioned to Mr. Veeder previously some communication on the Sharon-Amity-Providence Road left turn at which time the City Manager told him Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, had held a meeting on this; that he would like to have the figures on this today if possible.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied the figures are not available at this time as the Traffic Engineer is still working on the report.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO TAKE UNDER CONSIDERATION THE RENTAL OF A BUILDING ON FIFTH STREET FOR STORAGE OF CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Tuttle stated Mr. Jack Heath had telephoned him regarding the possible use of his garage on Fifth Street for a City Garage; that his building contains 55,000 feet and he has talked with the City Manager and Mr. H. L. Poley, Chief Right of Way Agent.

He stated the building is in A-1 condition, with sprinklers, concrete floor and Mr. Heath is willing to lease this building to the City at approximately 25¢ per foot. That this large building would probably hold all the equipment the City owns from now on.

Mr. L. P. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, advised there is a survey being made regarding this possibility at the present time.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING LIGHTED BALL PARK FOR AMERICAN LEGION, PONY AND BABE RUTH LEAGUE TEAMS IN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Withrow stated the American Legion has approached him regarding ball parks since the one on Independence Boulevard has burned; they have asked him to present to Council their request and ask Council to impress upon the Park and Recreation Commission there is a need for ball parks out on the West Side of Charlotte for both black and white kids to play. He stated the children are having trouble finding places for recreation.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he feels this is a timely request and is one he has been concerned about for two years; that it was his understanding they were going to be able to use the field at Harding this year through cooperation with the school system and have asked the Park and Recreation Commission to get this field lighted. He stated if this has not been done, he would like to request the City Manager to get a Conference scheduled with as many people as he can to help with this situation.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the problem is all the American Legion, Pony League, and Babe Ruth teams have to go to Gaston County, Union County and Cabarrus County to play baseball because Charlotte has no lighted fields. That the only lighted field is at the Hornet's field and it is only available when they are out of town.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTED TO ATTEND JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MONDAY, MAY 11TH AT 10:00 A.M.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he had received a letter from Mrs. Hazel Hatley, representing the Board of County Commissioners, notifying Council that the County Commissioner's adjourned their May 4th meeting until May 11th at 10:00 A.M. when they would like to have a joint formal meeting with the City Council to hear a report from the Planning Commission's Joint Coordinating Committee and take any action needed.

He stated Council may prefer not to adjourn today's meeting but to continue this meeting until next Monday. He requested each Council member to make a note of this date and time as it is a most important meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT ON DAY NURSERIES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS OPERATING IN DEED RESTRICTED NEIGHBORHOODS.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated two weeks ago he requested Mr. Henry Underhill, City Attorney, to give Council a ruling on day nurseries and child care centers operating in deed restricted neighborhoods; that he would like Council to have this answer in writing next Monday so they can consider all the complaints they have received about this type of operation.

Councilman Short stated he would hope that the City Attorney will confer with Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, who is also studying this problem. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied he has talked to Mr. Bryant regarding this and will give Council a written report Monday.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO DEFER PLACING UNIVERSITY CITY ZONING PETITION ON AGENDA FOR MONDAY, MAY 11, 1970.

Councilman Whittington stated three weeks ago he requested the University City zoning be placed on the docket and he would like to request again that this be placed on the docket for this coming Monday so Council can dispose of it.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Short stated he noted from a press report this week and from a personal conversation with Mr. Bill McIntyre, Planning Director, that he is apparently attempting to arrange some fairly significant changes in the University City Plan. He stated Mr. McIntyre is conferring with some of the Chapel Hill experts and it might be well to allow him more time for further study.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he is not interested in Mr. McIntyre's report to Chapel Hill because he should be conferring with Council; that the County has already acted upon this and he would like to see Council dispose of it in fairness to the people located out there as they are very much concerned about delays and amendments to the original plan and want Council to take some action.

He stated if Council would like to amend the plan later, then this would be in order but he would not like to see it delayed again.

Councilman Short stated he feels Council should give Mr. McIntyre more time for a sincere effort on his part and made a motion that this matter not be placed on the agenda for next week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Short, Alexander, Thrower and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilmen Jordan and Tuttle.

COUNCIL PRESENTED REPORT ON THE CITY HOUSING PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AS REQUESTED.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated last week Councilman Short and Councilman Alexander requested a report on the City Housing Program Status Report and each Councilmember has now been supplied with a copy.

DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT CORNER OF SHARON AMITY AND RANDOLPH ROADS,

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the Sharon Amity-Randolph Road intersection has been mentioned many times by Councilman Tuttle, Jordan and others and also the walled-in situation people in the Foxcroft Section are in because there is no way to get out except by Sharon Road and Sharonview Road. That right now the City Manager's Staff, Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, Josh Birmingham, Acting City Engineer, and the State Highway Commission should decide what we can begin to do now other than site plans, acquisitions, and then actual construction.

He stated we are getting into another corner there the same as at Eastway and Independence Boulevard and until we put another left turn lane deeper and longer on the east side of Sharon Amity Road so cars can be backed up beyond the shopping center and get into the left lane and go on up to Providence Road and turn left we will have this problem; that we need the same thing on the west side of Sharon Amity so that persons can turn right when they want to go into town.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington stated it should be designed so two lanes could be moving toward Sharon Road all the time when the light changes. In order to do what you could do at that corner, there is no point in doing that now, it should have been done last year. There is still no point in doing that if you are not ready to catch that traffic when it crosses Providence on Sharon Lane; it is a very critical area, one that is going to get worse by the day. That it would be his hope this could be put together now; it needs to be done quickly as the situation is going to get much worse.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager asked Mayor pro tem Whittington if he is suggesting to increase the five lanes to six and do it now instead of 1971? Mayor pro tem Whittington replied you need a longer lane to turn left into Providence off Sharon Amity, going toward SouthPark and another lane is needed to take care of traffic going towards town and two lanes straight ahead.

Councilman Tuttle stated the median could go back to the exit lane from the parking lot in front of the A & P Store; at the shopping center you have an entrance and an exit where people do not pay attention to the entrance and exit signs, they go in and out both sides but if the median could go back as far as the exit lane down at the A & P Store side, it would give them the opportunity to turn right and left but the left turn lane now begins about at the point where the drug store is located.

PROCLAMATION ADOPTED NAMING MAY AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH".

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated Mr. Pete Petersen of the County Board of Commissioners has asked him to read the following proclamation into the City Council records:

"WHEREAS, mental illness continues to be the nation's number one health problem, and

WHEREAS, there still remain in the nation's mental hospitals more patients than there are in all other hospitals combined, and

WHEREAS, these patients look to their relatives, neighbors, friends and fellow citizens for assurance of the best scientific treatment available, and

WHEREAS, these patients also look to the people of their community for continued contact with the world outside.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, do proclaim the month of May as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

and call upon the citizens of Charlotte to observe this month with appropriate activities, and to support the work of the Mental Health Association of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Councilman Thrower moved to adopt the subject proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK INTO SITUATION AT CORNER OF SOUTH BOULEVARD AND PARK AVENUE AND HAVE AREA POLICED FOR THE PROTECTION OF CITIZENS.

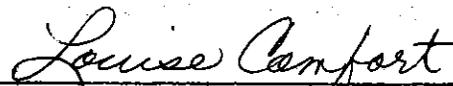
Mayor pro tem Whittington stated we have an alarming situation at the corner of South Boulevard and Park Avenue after 9:00 at night because of undesirables who are breaking store windows, attacking people, and just real nuisances there and he would ask that Mr. Veeder not refer this to any one but to Chief Goodman, and ask him to do what he can to actively police this area where people are very much concerned, not only merchants, but people attending the theater and others who pass back and forth of necessity at this corner.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, asked if he is referring to the corner where Harris-Hart Clothing is located and Mayor pro tem Whittington replied that is correct.

Councilman Tuttle stated our City Attorney, Mr. Henry Underhill, is now working on an ordinance which might help us to control such situations which fall under this same category.

COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 11, 1970.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Council Meeting was continued until Monday, May 11, 1970 at 10:00 A.M.


Louise Comfort, Deputy City Clerk